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SUBJ: SPINEY LOBSTER AS CREATURE OF SHELF:

US FIRM REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

1. RICHARD MAGERS, AN OFFICER OF DIAMOND HEAD CORPORATION OF RIVIERA BEACH, FLORIDA, CALLED EMBASSY SEPT 16 TO INQUIRE OF THE STATUS OF INTENDED BAHAMIAN DECLARATION OF SPINEY LOBSTER AS CREATURE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

2. MAGERS SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM. GIST OF HIS PRESENTATION WAS THAT IF DIAMOND HEAD CORPORATION IS FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM SPINEY LOBSTER FISHERY IN BAHAMAS BANKS AREA OFF WALKER'S CAY BEFORE END OF SEASON ON MARCH 30, 1975, CORPORATION WILL SUFFER FINANCIAL DISASTER.

3. DCM TOLD MAGERS THAT LEGISLATION NOT YET PASSED AND MAY NOT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS YET; THAT IT DID NOT ITSELF MAKE DECLARATION BUT RATHER GAVE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AUTHORITY TO DO SO. MAGERS' PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ROBERTS PROVIDED BASIS FOR MAGERS TO MEET WITH HIM NOW BEFORE THE DECLARATION IS MADE TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN, TO REQUEST AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE THE FISHERY IN AN ORDERLY MANNER, AND TO PROPOSE, AS MAGERS SEEMED WILLING TO DO, THAT THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDER ALLOWING DIAMOND HEAD CORPORATION TO TRANSFER ALL OR PART OF ITS OPERATIONS TO THE

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BAHAMAS OR FAILING THAT, TO PURCHASE LICENSES.

4. MAGERS AND DCM AGREED THAT WHILE ALL THIS GROUND HAD BEEN COVERED BEFORE IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID CONFLICT INSIDE OF BAHAMAS CONTIGUOUS FISHERIES ZONE, POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT SHOULD SPINEY LOBSTER BE DECLARED CREATURE OF THE SHELF IS VASTLY INCREASED. DCM SUGGESTED AS PERSONAL THOUGHT THAT, IF THE DECLARATION IS MADE, US AND BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENTS MAY WELL HAVE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IT WOULD BE FRUITLESS TO DO SO IF INDUSTRY INTERESTS WERE NOT ACCOMMODATED. DCM OFFERED TO MAKE (AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE) APPOINTMENTS FOR MAGERS TO MEET MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ROBERTS AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MAYCOCK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE CORPORATION, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS LARGEST INDEPENDENT LOBSTER OPERATION ON FLORIDA EAST COAST, CAN (1) HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE ITS CASE BEFORE THE DECLARATION IS MADE, AND (2) EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS IN AREA.

5. MAGERS TOLD AMBASSADOR HE IS ALSO CALLING SEVERAL FLORIDA CONGRESSMEN ABOUT THIS MATTER. IF THERE ARE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO USE THE ABOVE TO KEEP CONGRESSMEN APPRISED OF WHAT WE ARE DOING.

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